

RULES HAVE CHANGED!

Please make sure to read the rules very carefully as some rules have been updated.

- The required artwork and mat size has changed!
- Also – Artwork MUST be submitted in protective cardboard, plastic is no longer allowed to be your only layer of protection.

*You will not be given a chance to fix mistakes,
so please be sure you are following all the rules or you will
be disqualified from the competition.*



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS for the 2017 MAINE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP ART CONTEST

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is conducting a competition to select a design for the 2017 Maine Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp.

1. Contest is open to Maine residents 18 years of age or older who have been domiciled in this state during the three (3) months immediately preceding the entry deadline for the contest. Employees of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are ineligible.

2. One entry per contestant. **Any entry which fails to comply with any of the requirements of this competition will be disqualified. Please read all rules very carefully!**

3. The 2017 Maine "duck stamp" will be a **Common Eider**. One or more live waterfowl of the chosen species must appear **prominently** in the design. If background detail is included in the design it must be accurate and representative of the state of Maine. Designs will be judged on originality, artistic composition, anatomical accuracy and suitability for reproduction as a stamp and print.

4. The design is to be in full color and in the medium (or combination) of the artist's choosing, except that no photographic process, digital art, metallic paints, iridescent paints or fluorescent paints may be used in the finished design. **All art must be dry at the time of submission.**

5. The painted image must be **15.5 inches vertically by 19.5 inches horizontally** and centered on top of a sturdy surface that is 20 inches by 24 inches. A **single white mat** must be **firmly (not permanently)** attached to the front of the painting. **The mat must be exactly 20 inches high by 24 inches wide, with a centered window of 15.5 inches by 19.5 inches.**

6. None of the information printed on a finished duck stamp may appear on the painting or mat.

7. **No scroll work, lettering, accent borders or signature may appear on the painting or mat.**

8. The painting must not be framed or under glass. Any acetate or other protective covering used must be **lightly** fastened to facilitate removal before the judging.

9. Any **winning** design from another stamp contest (federal, state, or private) is not eligible.

10. The artist affirms that his/her creation of the original design is neither copied nor duplicated from previously published art, including paintings, drawings in any medium, or published photographs.

11. There shall be a period of 15 days immediately following the contest judging during which any artist or photographer may make a plagiarism claim against the winning design. In the event any such claim is upheld by the

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the first runner-up shall be declared the winning design, subject itself to a 15-day plagiarism claim period.

12. The winning design, as prepared by the artist, may be retained by the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife until the production of the Waterfowl Hunting Stamp has been completed. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife shall retain exclusive copyright of said design for the purpose of stamps only. Copies and reproduction of said stamps may be published and distributed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to others for stamp reproduction, copying, and publishing for educational and informational purposes. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife shall also retain the right to use the winning image in their magazine, website, and other media opportunities as appropriate.

13. All other Copyright, other than described in paragraph 12, of this agreement, shall be retained by the artist for his/her disposition.

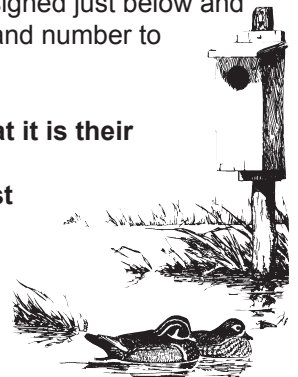
14. The winning artist will be ineligible to compete in the next consecutive Maine duck stamp contest, but is requested to be a judge in the next consecutive contest, if available.

15. The winning artist may be required to make minor changes to his/her design.

16. The winning artist will retain ownership of the winning entry and will receive an award of \$1,000 and a sheet of 10 stamps of his/her design. Second place will receive an award of \$300, third place will receive an award of \$100 and two Honorable Mentions will receive a gift item from the Department.

17. If the winning artist decides to reproduce the original image in the form of prints, he/she agrees to provide, at no cost to the Department, twenty-five (25) signed and numbered prints to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Said prints may be numbered as Conservation Edition (CE) #1/25 to 25/25. Numbered just below and to the left side of image / signed just below and to the right side of image. Signature and number to be done in pencil.

18. All contestants are advised that it is their responsibility to obtain adequate property insurance for their contest submission. The Department will not insure any entry it receives, and assumes no liability for any damage, loss or theft of any entry.



19. Entries may be mailed first class registered mail, shipped via U.P.S., or delivered in person to the Department's Augusta office. **It is difficult to store and transport art wrapped in plastic, you must use cardboard.** The painting must be completely covered/ packaged in protective cardboard, sealed only with tape. The painting should **not** be taped to the inside of the cardboard. **Prints mailed in tubes will be disqualified.**

20. Entries for the 2017 Maine Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Contest will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. March 1, 2017 through 4:00 p.m., March 24, 2017. All entries must be delivered to the Department's Augusta office or be **received by** the Department through the mail (or by U.P.S., FedEx, etc) before **4:00 p.m., March 24, 2017.**

21. Judging will take place on **Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** This is the first day of the annual Maine Sportsman's Show at the Augusta Civic Center. There is

an admission fee to get into the Sportsman's Show, and the public viewing/contest will take place in the Civic Center. Signs will direct you to the room, which will be determined at a later date.

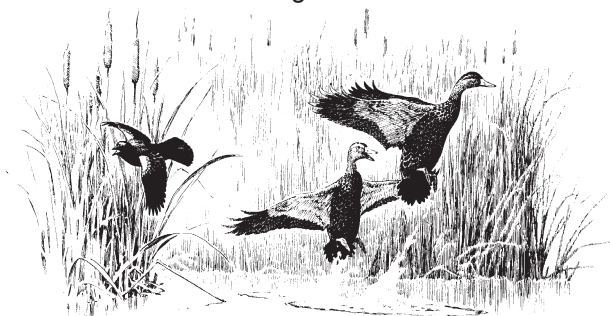
22. All entries will be displayed for the duration of the Maine Sportsman's Show and can be picked up at the Department beginning Monday, April 3, 2017. Entries not picked up at the Department's Augusta headquarters will be shipped to the artist after a 30 day wait period, or at the request of the artist. Winning entry must be held for the production of stamps.

23. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will select the judging panel and establish the judging procedures. The judges will have expertise in the fields of ornithology, conservation, art and/or printing, and will serve without compensation.

Questions on contest rules? Call Kristina at 287-5244
www.mefishwildlife.com

Please mail or deliver entries to:

Duck Stamp Contest
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
284 State Street
41 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0041



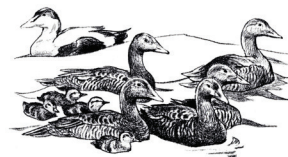
Clip and tape entry form **lightly** to the back of your entry (no double-sided tape!)



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2017 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



1. ARTIST INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

How did you find out about this contest? _____

2. ENTRY INFORMATION: Common Eider

Medium: _____

Estimated insurable value: _____

3. CERTIFICATE:

I, _____, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and affirm the following:

- That the herewith attached and submitted entry artwork and design is my own, sole and original creation and interpretation of the natural waterfowl depicted therein and is neither a copy nor duplication of any previously published work or design, copyrighted or otherwise, in any medium or color.
- That I am a resident of Maine and over the age of 18.
- That I have read and understand the entry requirements of this contest as provided to me by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and agree to abide thereby and be bound thereto.

Contestant's Signature _____